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AT a GENERAL MEETING of this SOCIETY, held on *Thurſday*, the 12th Inſt. in the Neighbourhood of *Copenhagen-Houſe*, and attended by ſeveral Thouſands of the Inhabitants of this Metropolis, it was *unanimouſly reſolved*---To preſent PETITIONS to each Branch of the Legiſlature, complaining againſt the BILL now pending in Parliament, as entirely ſubverting the Conſtitutional Liberties of Engliſhmen; as tending to accompliſh a Revolution directly the Reverſe of that which ſeated his Majeſty's Family upon the Throne; and as tending to eſtabliſh the moſt cruel and oppreſſive Deſpotiſm in *England*; ſtating, that our Burthens are already too heavy to be borne; and praying the Legiſlature not to aggravate them, by paſſing theſe Bills, but totally reject them. Theſe Petitions will lay at different Parts of the Town, to receive Signatures; and we hope every Friend to civil Liberty; every Man who would avert the moſt direful Calamity that could befal his Country; every Man who values the Peace and Happineſs of his Poſterity, will feel it his Duty to ſign them. The Queſtion is not now, whether a Parliamentary Reform is neceſſary? Or which would be the beſt Reform to adopt? If the preſent Bills paſs, Engliſhmen will be deprived of every Right that is valuable, and every Bleſſing that can be enjoyed. Every petty Juſtice will become an inſolent Deſpot; and when they want the Honor of Knighthood, they will not fail to mark their Victims to the Laws of Sedition and Treaſon. Electors will no longer be able to conſult who are the propereſt Perſons for them to chooſe; they muſt implicitly elect whoever the Miniſter thinks proper to impoſe upon them, or his Worſhip may have them impriſoned for Sedition. Theologiſts muſt no longer chooſe the Doctrines they may believe, nor the Forms in which they would worſhip: to differ from the Religion eſtabliſhed by Law, will be called Rebellion againſt the State; and we may expect to ſee an Inquiſition eſtabliſhed, to perſecute every Denomination of Diſſenters. The Merchant, the Manufacturer, or the Cultivator, muſt no longer meet to ſettle his commercial Concerns; for if it ſhould ever be deemed neceſſary to raiſe the Prices of Goods, or the Rate of Wages, theſe Subjects have ſuch a Dependence upon the Prices of the Neceſſaries of Life, and the Taxes impoſed by the Miniſter, that they would open a Diſcuſſion too cloſely connected with State Matters: And all Claſſes of Men will find, that they muſt ſuffer the Miniſter to tax them to the whole Amount of their Income, without complaining, or be puniſhed for Sedition, or Treaſon.

The Queſtion now, therefore is, whether Engliſhmen ſhall be Maſters of their own Houſes; whether they ſhall enjoy any of the Comforts of Society; in fact, whether they ſhall be allowed the Priviledge of thinking, without incurring the Penalty of Death.

The Nature of theſe Bills may be fully underſtood, by taking a View of the Men who have introduced and ſupported them. A Regiment of Placemen, Penſioners, Contractors, Monopolizers, and Borough Mongers, have been beſieging Mr. *Dundas* for ſeveral Months, to bring in theſe Bills; and though we learn from this Account, that the Plan has been ſeveral Months in Agitation, the Miniſtry have the Modeſty to tell Parliament, that the Meaſure was occaſioned by the Inſult offered to the King in his Paſſage to the Parliament Houſe. However, let it have originated where it may, or be ſupported by whom it will, the Miniſter ſays, he does not wiſh the Bill to paſs, if the People diſapprove of it: And we hope that will be a ſufficient call upon every honeſt Man, to ſhew his Diſapprobation of it, by ſigning the Petition.

The following Perſons have opened their Houſes to receive Signatures:

HODGSON, No. 10, *Broadway, Weſtminſter*; ASHLEY, No. 6, *Fiſher Street, Red Lion Square, Holborn*; EATON, No. 74, *Newgate Street*; SMITH, Corner of *Portſmouth Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields*; LUNAN, *Whitcome Street, Charing Croſs*; LEE, oppoſite *Buckingham Street, Strand*; BALLAD, *May-Buildings, Bedford Court, Covent Garden*; THELWALL, No. 2, *Beaufort Buildings, Strand*; Telegraph Office, *Fleet Street*; BURKE, No. 74, *St. Anne-ſtreet, Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*; CHERTON, No. 38, *Bethnal Green Road*; BONE, No. 8, *Weſton Street, Maze, Southwark*; ROUSE, No. 3, near *Meeting Houſe Walk, Snows-fields, Southwark*; FROST, No. 16, *Pepper-ſtreet, Loman's Pond, Southwark*; THOMAS, Coal Dealer, *Newington Cauſeway*; MORRICE, No. 13, *Pearl-row*, near the *Magdalene*; B. PEACOCK, *Globe-ſtairs, Rotherhithe*; ROBERSHAW, *Orange-court, Swallow-ſtreet*; MEESON, No. 8, *New-ſtreet, Eaſt-ſtreet, Walworth*; RIDGWAY, *York-ſtreet, St. James's Square*; CLAYTON, No. 66, *Maid-lane*; G. PLACE, No. 6, *William-ſtreet, Walcot-Place, Lambeth*; T. HARTLEY, No. 4, *Proſpect-place, Lambeth*; FRANKLOW, *Pitt-ſtreet, Blackfriars-road*; PAGE, No. 14, *Stangate, Lambeth*; CHERTON, No. 38, *Bethnal-Green-Road*; and ROUSE, Stay-maker, *Colcheſter-ſtreet, Whitechapel*.

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JOHN ASHLEY, Secretary.